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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2082

Introduced by Assembly Members Dahle and Chesbro, and Gordon
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Bigelow, Olsen, and Wieckowski)
(Coauthor: Senator Gaines)

February 20, 2014

An act to ~~repeal and~~ add Section ~~4561.1~~ of 4561.2 to the Public Resources Code, relating to forest practices.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2082, as amended, Dahle. Forest practices: resource conservation standards: stocking standards.

The Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973 prohibits a person from conducting timber operations on timberland unless a timber harvesting plan has been prepared by a registered professional forester and has been submitted to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and approved by the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection or the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Existing law establishes minimum acceptable stocking standards and provides that an area covered by a timber harvesting plan is considered acceptably stocked if certain conditions are met within 5 years after completion of timber operations, including that the area contains an average point count of 300 per acre, as provided. Existing law requires the board to adopt stocking standards for each district, after a public hearing, that are equal to or stricter than the minimum standards.

This bill would ~~delete that requirement and instead~~ authorize the board to adopt alternative stocking standards if those alternative

standards ~~are necessary to~~ *reasonably* address variables in forest characteristics *and achieve suitable resource conservation*, as provided.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 ~~SECTION 1. Section 4561.1 of the Public Resources Code is~~
2 ~~repealed.~~
3 ~~SEC. 2.~~
4 ~~SECTION 1.~~ Section 4561.1-4561.2 is added to the Public
5 Resources Code, to read:
6 ~~4561.1.~~
7 4561.2. Notwithstanding *Section 4561.1* or the resource
8 conservation standards ~~relating to stocking enumerated~~ in
9 *subdivision (a) of Section 4561*, the board may adopt alternative
10 stocking standards ~~to~~ *that* meet the purposes of Section 4561 if
11 those alternative standards ~~are necessary to~~ *reasonably* address
12 the variables in forest characteristics *and achieve suitable resource*
13 *conservation.*